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SERIAL NO: 09/850,091 :
FILED: MAY 8, 2001 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1638
FOR: METHOD FOR INTRODUCING A :
GENE INTO A PLANT USING AN
ADVENTITIOUS BUD
REDIFFERENTIATION GENE
UNDER THE CONTROL OF A
LIGHT-INDUCIBLE PROMOTER
AS A SELECTABLE MARKER
GENE, AND VECTOR FOR
INTRODUCING A GENE INTO A
PLANT USING THE SAME

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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated September 25, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, line 1, of the specification, please insert in place of the first sentence entered by the utility patent transmittal form, filed May 8, 2001, the following sentence:

--This application is a continuation of application Serial No. 09/354,305, filed on July

3. 16, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,294,714 B1.—

Please replace the paragraph starting on page 11, line 8, and ending on line 7 of page 12, with the following paragraph: